

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1173**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 116805 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1173, as introduced, Williams. Water equipment: backflow protection programs.

Existing law authorizes local health officials to maintain programs, in cooperation with water suppliers, to protect against backflow through service connections into the public water supply system, and, with the consent of the water supplier, to collect fees from the water supplier to offset the costs of implementing these programs. Existing law requires that these programs be conducted in accordance with backflow protection regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change by updating a reference from the State Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 116805 of the Health and Safety Code  
2     is amended to read:

1 116805. (a) Local health officers may maintain programs, in  
2 cooperation with water suppliers, to protect against backflow  
3 through service connections into the public water supply, and, with  
4 the consent of the water supplier, may collect fees from the water  
5 supplier to offset the costs of implementing these programs.

6 (b) The fees authorized under this section and under Section  
7 116800 shall be limited to the costs of administering these  
8 programs. At the discretion of the water supplier, the fees collected  
9 from the water supplier by the local health officer may be passed  
10 through to water users.

11 (c) Programs authorized under this section and Section 116800  
12 shall be conducted in accordance with backflow protection  
13 regulations adopted by the ~~department~~ *State Water Resources*  
14 *Control Board*.

15 (d) Nothing in this article shall prevent a water supplier from  
16 directly charging those water users required to install backflow  
17 prevention devices for the costs of the programs authorized in this  
18 section and Section 116800.